3/5/15 S6980-1 A

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
24 MASON STREET
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
02903

JOHN S. RENZA
DIRECTOR

# EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EDWARD D. DI PRETE
GOVERNOR

VOLUME 31 FEBRUARY 1985 NO. 2

## RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 411,100 IN JANUARY

Overall employment in Rhode Island fell in January due primarily to sharp seasonal decreases in the Trade, Construction, and Jewelry/Silverware sectors of the State's economy, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 411,100 in January. While this figure represents a loss of 7,300 jobs from the December level of 418,400, it is 10,200 above the January 1984 total of 400,900.

### EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates for 1983 and 1984 have been revised to a first quarter 1984 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, as well as noncovered establishments, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1983-1984.

### MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island declined by 1,700 in January to a level of 119,000. This figure, however, represents a gain of 800 over the total of 118,200 reported in January 1984. In the Durable Goods sector, the January employment total of 80,600 was down 1,300 from the December level, but was 200 above the total recorded a year ago this month. The Nondurable Goods level of 38,400 was 400 below December, but was up 600 over January 1984.

Within the Durable Goods category, Jewelry/Silverware registered the largest monthly decline (-700). Electrical

(Continued on Page 4)

## EMPLOYERS!

## RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE CAN HELP YOU

**During 1984 the Rhode Island Job Service assisted many employers in filling their job openings. In the calendar year ending December 31, 1984 over 56% of all the job openings listed by employers with the Job Service were filled. A total of 21,212 job placements were made during that twelve-month period. Youth under age 22 accounted for nearly 48% of these placements and another 11% were veterans, including nearly twelve hundred Vietnam-era veterans.**

**The Job Service is also responsive to the needs of job applicants who experience barriers to employment. More than 600 of the total placements were handicapped job-seekers, another 15% were members of minority groups and 10% of all the individuals placed were 40 years of age or older.**

**The Job Service is an experienced public employment agency and its trained professional staff can help you fill the openings in your work force. The Job Bank is a computerized listing of job openings statewide. If you need workers call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265). There is never a fee for using the R.I. Job Service. The Job Service operates a system of twelve local offices throughout Rhode Island. There's one near you. See the listing on page 2 of this Bulletin. Job Service – Jobs for people and people for jobs.**

## RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. . . . . 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway . . . . . 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue . . . . . 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. . . . . 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services . . . . . 277-3573
Jewelry . . . . . 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction . . . . . 277-3556
Professional & Clerical . . . . . 277-3584
Temporary Help . . . . . 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road . . . . . 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. . . . . 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road . . . . . 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. . . . . 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. . . . . 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. . . . . 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. . . . . 762-9010

**OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMEERS**

JOB BANK . . . . . 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information . . . . . 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. . . . . 277-6950
Call-A-Teen . . . . . .Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. . . . . 277-6813

### EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

| | Jan. 1985-P | Dec. 1984 | Jan. 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Placements | 1,710 | 1,338 | 1,272 |
| New Applications | 4,639 | 3,266 | 3,999 |
| New Openings Rec'd. | 2,185 | 1,893 | 2,710 |

P-Preliminary

### EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

| | Jan. 1985 | Dec. 1984 | % Change Dec. 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 15,087 | 21,726 | - 30.6 |
| No. of Payments | 77,479 | 45,664 | + 69.7 |
| Amt. of Payments | $9,166,886 | $5,283,669 | + 73.5 |
| Exhaustions | 978 | 854 | + 14.5 |

### FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

| | Jan. 1985 | Dec. 1984 |
|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 1,386 | 1,246 |
| No. of Payments | 7,727 | 6,794 |
| Amount of Payments | $ 809,893 | $ 707,268 |

### RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | Jan. 1985 | Dec. 1984 | Jan. 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 491.8 | 503.0 | 477.2 |
| Unemployment | 25.9 | 22.5 | 38.2 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 5.3 | 4.5 | 8.0 |
| Seas. Adjusted Rate | 4.8 | 4.7 | 7.2 |

### PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | Dec. 1984 | Nov. 1984 | Dec. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 488.1 | 490.0 | 469.0 |
| Unemployment | 22.6 | 22.2 | 32.5 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 4.6 | 4.5 | 6.9 |

### NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

| | Dec. 1984 | Nov. 1984 | Dec. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 40,820 | 41,150 | 36,465 |
| Unemployment | 1,205 | 1,145 | 1,970 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 3.0 | 2.8 | 5.4 |

### WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

| | Dec. 1984 | Nov. 1984 | Dec. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 15,385 | 15,420 | 15,045 |
| Unemployment | 760 | 725 | 1,015 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 4.9 | 4.7 | 6.7 |

### LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

Coventry

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Providence

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

## TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

| | EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS | | | NET CHANGE FROM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan. 1985 | Dec. 1984 | Jan. 1984 | Dec. 1984 | Jan. 1984 |
| TOTAL EMPLOYMENT* | 411.1 | 418.4 | 400.9 | - 7,300 | + 10,200 |
| MANUFACTURING | 119.0 | 120.7 | 118.2 | - 1,700 | + 800 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | 292.1 | 297.7 | 282.7 | - 5,600 | + 9,400 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 11.2 | 12.6 | 10.8 | - 1,400 | + 400 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 13.4 | 13.8 | 13.2 | - 400 | + 200 |
| TRADE (Wholesale & Retail) | 88.4 | 91.3 | 84.4 | - 2,900 | + 4,000 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 23.6 | 23.7 | 22.2 | - 100 | + 1,400 |
| SERVICE (Miscellaneous) | 97.6 | 97.9** | 94.6 | - 300 | + 3,000 |
| GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local) | 57.9 | 58.4 | 57.5 | - 500 | + 400 |

1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1984 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

## ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

| | EMPLOYMENT | | | | | PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In Thousands | | | Net Change From | | Weekly Earnings | | Weekly Hours | | Hourly Earnings | |
| INDUSTRY GROUP | Jan. 1985 | Dec.. 1984 | Jan. 1984 | Dec. 1984 | Jan. 1984 | Jan. 1985 | Jan. 1984 | Jan. 1985 | Jan. 1984 | Jan. 1985 | Jan. 1984 |
| ALL MANUFACTURING | 119.0 | 120.7 | 118.2 | -1700 | + 800 | $ 302.50 | $ 287.64 | 41.1 | 40.8 | $ 7.36 | $ 7.05 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 80.6 | 81.9 | 80.4 | -1300 | + 200 | 304.06 | 291.51 | 41.2 | 41.0 | 7.38 | 7.11 |
| LUMBER/FURNITURE | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | - 100 | - 100 | 297.70 | 285.05 | 39.8 | 39.7 | 7.48 | 7.18 |
| STONE-CLAY-GLASS | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 | - 100 | + 100 | 374.74 | 366.21 | 41.0 | 40.6 | 9.14 | 9.02 |
| PRIMARY METALS | 6.1* | 6.1* | 6.1 | 0 | 0 | 385.00 | 362.53 | 43.8 | 42.5 | 8.79 | 8.53 |
| FABRICATED METALS | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | - 100 | - 200 | 262.28 | 226.07 | 39.8 | 36.7 | 6.59 | 6.16 |
| NONELECTRIC MACH. | 6.1* | 6.1* | 6.2* | 0 | - 100 | 417.49 | 378.38 | 43.9 | 42.9 | 9.51 | 8.82 |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY | 12.2 | 12.4 | 12.0 | - 200 | + 200 | 283.71 | 257.28 | 41.6 | 40.2 | 6.82 | 6.40 |
| TRANSPORTATION EQUIP. | 10.1 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 0 | + 800 | 432.48 | 407.18 | 42.4 | 40.8 | 10.20 | 9.98 |
| INSTRUMENTS | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 0 | 0 | 298.08 | 299.64 | 41.4 | 43.3 | 7.20 | 6.92 |
| JEWELRY-SILVERWARE | 22.4 | 23.1 | 22.8 | - 700 | - 400 | 238.20 | 206.75 | 39.9 | 36.4 | 5.97 | 5.68 |
| MISCELLANEOUS MFG. | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | - 100 | - 100 | 226.77 | 217.73 | 34.1 | 33.6 | 6.65 | 6.48 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 38.4 | 38.8 | 37.8 | - 400 | + 600 | 295.25 | 278.07 | 40.5 | 40.3 | 7.29 | 6.90 |
| FOOD-BEVERAGE | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.3 | - 100 | + 300 | 231.47 | 212.26 | 36.8 | 35.2 | 6.29 | 6.03 |
| TEXTILES | 10.9 | 10.9 | 11.1 | 0 | - 200 | 310.31 | 307.69 | 40.3 | 41.3 | 7.70 | 7.45 |
| APPAREL | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 | 252.53 | 232.70 | 40.6 | 38.4 | 6.22 | 6.06 |
| PAPER PRODUCTS | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.6 | - 200 | + 100 | 281.79 | 275.04 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 6.79 | 6.58 |
| PRINTING-PUBLISHING | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.8 | - 100 | + 200 | 397.94 | 369.95 | 38.3 | 35.0 | 10.39 | 10.57 |
| CHEMICAL PRODUCTS | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 | 403.76 | 362.70 | 41.2 | 39.0 | 9.80 | 9.30 |
| RUBBER PRODUCTS | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 | 302.52 | 304.01 | 41.9 | 42.4 | 7.22 | 7.17 |
| PLASTICS PRODUCTS | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 0 | + 100 | 286.52 | 265.36 | 37.9 | 36.4 | 7.56 | 7.29 |
| LEATHER PRODUCTS | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0 | + 100 | 213.30 | 199.90 | 39.5 | 39.9 | 5.40 | 5.01 |

1984 Figures REVISED. 1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

* Labor Dispute

**RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN**

**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY**
**24 Mason Street**
**Providence, R.I. 02903 - 1082**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**
**Penalty for Private Use, $300**

**POSTAGE AND FEES PAID**
**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**
**PERMIT NO. G-12**

**THIRD CLASS – BULK RATE**

CONGRESSIONAL INFORM SER
ATT SRI
4520 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
BETHESDA MD 20814

**WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE**

(Continued from Page 1)

Machinery decreased by 200, while Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing were each down by 100 jobs. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their December employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest increase was posted in Transportation Equipment (+800), followed by Electrical Machinery (+200) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). Annual job declines occurred in Jewelry/Silverware (-400), Fabricated Metals (-200) and Lumber/Furniture, Nonelectrical Machinery and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-100 each). Primary Metals and Instruments employment remained unchanged from January 1984.

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, monthly decreases were posted in Paper Products (-200), Food-Beverage (-100) and Printing-Publishing (-100). Employment in the remaining industries in Nondurable Goods was unchanged from the previous month. Compared to last January, the largest advances were reported in Food-Beverage (+300) and Printing-Publishing (+200). Paper Products, Plastics Products, and Leather Products posted gains of 100 each compared to their January 1984 levels. Textiles was the only Nondurable Goods industry experiencing an annual job loss (-200). The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their year ago employment totals.

## NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries decreased 5,600 jobs from December to January, primarily due to seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Contract Construction. However, the January total of 292,100 was 9,400 above the January 1984 level of 282,700.

Wholesale and Retail Trade reflected reduced activity after the holidays as it declined by 2,900 jobs from December to a level of 88,400. This figure, however, represents an annual increase of 4,000 from January 1984.

Also reporting a sizable seasonal drop was the Contract Construction industry, which fell 1,400 jobs to 11,200. Similarly, this was a gain of 400 jobs from one year ago in January. Government, at 57,900, reported a monthly decrease of 500 workers, and Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,400, recorded a monthly drop of 400. Still, the former was up 400 and the latter was up 200 compared to last January. Although Finance, Insurance and Real Estate decreased by 100 jobs from December, its January total of 23,600 was 1,400 higher than the year earlier figure. Service employment, at 97,600 was down 300 for the month but was up 3,000 from January 1984.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 1 cent to $7.36 in January; this represents a gain of 31 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.1 of an hour in January to 41.1 hours, which was 0.3 of an hour greater than the January 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in January amounted to $302.50, representing an increase of $1.15 from last month, and $14.86 from January of last year. Hours and earnings figures for 1984 have been revised to reflect updated survey data.

**Printed by Department of Employment Security**